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Giddy up!

The South Algonquin Trails horses/ponies gave children an opportunity to get up close, as part of special kids' programming offered at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Wednesday, March 15 during March break. More on page 4. /DARREN LUM Staff

New Highways to Fairways episodes to air on TSN

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Perseverance is paying off for Haliburton's most famous golfing duo, Charlie Teljeur and Wayde Greer.

It's been six years since the longtime friends had their television debut for the original *Highways to Fairways*. This time around the pair will have 13 new episodes, as part of a television series by the same name and in the same spirit broadcasted to homes across the country on TSN.

It's a fulfilment of efforts dating back close to 10 years since the idea was thought up by Teljeur and Greer. The first incarnation of *Highways to Fairways*, followed the two playing golf at unique and interesting golf courses – one of them at

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YWCA surpasses \$35,000 in donations

More still needed for local shelter, but organizer buoyed by outpouring of support

JENN WATT
Editor

The YWCA's matching donations program has been embraced so wholeheartedly that by the end of March, the organization will likely be unable to find matching funds for new donations. But that doesn't mean there's not more to do.

"We were at \$17,877 [donated] earlier this week," said Jen Cureton, director of philanthropy and communications for YWCA Peterborough Haliburton. "That's \$35,754 when matched by other donors."

In total, some \$19,000 of matching funds were made available from two couples and one individual in the community. Once donations have caught up to those funds, the YWCA will no longer be able to guarantee matching funds for new donations, though Cureton is still pursuing leads.

The original idea came from Keith and Susan Hay, who offered the original \$10,000 of matching funds, which

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\$200,000 needed over two years

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spurred the campaign.

"They read about and heard about the fact that we had closed the shelter for a period of time and thought we just can't have that. How do we help?" Cureton said.

The YWCA is creating a sustainability study for the shelter in the Haliburton Highlands and while it is being conducted, needs to bring in about \$200,000 to keep the current services going.

Last year, the shelter was closed for five months after demand outpaced available funds.

"Over the last three years, we've used over \$280,000 of fundraising dollars to support the Haliburton operation," Cureton said. "Really, our goal was \$120,000 to \$200,000 in this campaign to be able to support the work over the next two years while we do the sustainability study."

If the study finds ways for the shelter to be more efficient, the extra dollars will be set aside for Haliburton services in the future.

Cureton said one of the most common questions she's received when fundraising for Haliburton is whether the money raised here will stay here. The answer is yes.

This recent fundraising push – which has included several independently organized events including two local concerts – has also opened up opportunity to talk more about domestic violence and the services offered by the YWCA.

The response from the community has been inspiring, Cureton said, particularly in hearing the stories from local survivors who have come forward to talk about how the YWCA helped.

"I know that this outpouring [of support] ... is not something we would expect all the time, but to know that there's people there who care about our work is great," she said.

Although the matching portion of the fundraiser is nearly done, the YWCA still needs funds to continue operations. Find out more by going to their website ywcapeterborough.org or call 705-743-3526.

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— Jen Cureton

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County man dies in ATV crash

A Haliburton County man is dead following an ATV crash near Irondale on Sunday morning.

According to the Haliburton Highlands OPP, police were called to the site just after 8 a.m. on March 19.

"A deceased male was located by a passerby," a press release reads. "The cause of the collision is under investigation."

Police have identified the deceased man as 40-year-old Michael Anthony Bunn of Haliburton County.

Anyone with any information on the collision is asked to call the local OPP detachment at 705-286-1431.

- Chad Ingram



Early bird gets the cash

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation held its early bird draw for the Cash for Care Lottery with volunteer Lynn Childs, drawing the winning ticket with, from left, executive director Dale Walker, who reads the name of Corey Adams of Haliburton who won the \$500 cash prize; HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer; foundation directors Jim Mitchell and Carol Patrick; and HHHS board chairperson Dave Bonham on Friday, March 17 at the Haliburton hospital. The foundation is setting record pace, selling 3,420 tickets, which is far greater than last year's total. There will be one more early bird draw worth \$1,000 and three final draws of \$20,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 on Friday, May 26. Call the lottery hotline: 705-457-1580/705-286-1580. / DARREN LUM Staff

West Guilford fireworks coming to Haliburton

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Those looking for a fantastic fireworks display this summer can look no further than Head Lake Park in Haliburton Village.

On July 1, for the first time ever, the West Guilford fireworks display will be relocating to downtown Haliburton, to coincide with Canada's sesquicentennial.

The fireworks show, which takes place around dusk, will be the only component of the Canada Day festivities that will be moved, as the daytime events will still take place in West Guilford at the Community Centre.

Organizers are looking forward to another fun-filled West Guilford Canada Day, with children's activities, a barbecue, horseshoes and more.

This year the fireworks display is being funded by the municipality of Dysart, which is putting \$5,000 towards the light show.

Next year the Canada Day fireworks will be relocated back to West Guilford, taking place at dusk over Pine Lake on July 1. There will be a separate event to honour Dysart's 150th held in Haliburton Village on July 8.

Rotary Club chooses to end parade

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

After months of deliberating, the Haliburton Rotary Club has made the decision to no longer host a parade on the same day as their annual summer carnival.

The parade has taken place on Haliburton's main street on the first Wednesday following the civic holiday weekend for more than 50 years. Club president Richard van Nood told the *Echo* earlier this year it was becoming more and more difficult for the club to attract participants.

Last week, van Nood confirmed the club had made the decision to cancel the parade, but he could not give details yet on what the club has planned to replace the event. The decision will not affect the Rotary carnival, which will still go ahead this summer.

Van Nood had said the club is looking at some family friendly options to replace the parade, to add to the carnival.

The cancellation of the Rotary parade will have no impact on the Santa Claus parade, organized by the Lions Club.

Ice Out contest deadline March 24

Don't forget to place your best guess on when the ice goes out on Head Lake in Haliburton. The person with the guess closest to the date and time when the last chunk of ice melts wins a one-year subscription to the *Haliburton Echo*.

Email your guess to jenn@haliburtonpress.com or drop it off at 146 Highland Street by the end of the day Friday, March 24 to be included.

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Hosts never gave up on golf show

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a penitentiary. It was broadcasted on television and gave the duo a sense of accomplishment. Teljeur now realizes that was only the beginning.

"That was just the first chapter and then we went through the despair and the depression of oh my God, it just failed. We failed. Nothing happened with it and then the rebirth," he said. "There's such a sense of feeling humbled and also feeling extremely proud of this."

The two never gave up and Teljeur said their success is a reminder of that.

"If you really believe in something as strongly as we do, you just keep pushing something until it closes the door on you or opens it for you."

Episode one, the Other Motor City, will air on TSN 1 at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, including weekly screenings of subsequent episodes.

It features five holes of an 18-hole golf course in the middle of the fabled Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home to the Indy 500 car race.

Rather than play an entire course like they did in the original *Highways to Fairways*, the two will play three holes with mystery guests and local legends, learning about them, their importance to the community and then interesting aspects of the area they visit. Their stay will also include other activities, providing a greater showcase of the places they visit.

This is a reoccurring theme of all their shows. The shows will also be broadcasted on TSN 2, TSN 3, TSN 4 and TSN 5. Check highwaysfairways.com / schedule for times. Downtown Haliburton's eatery McKecks is set to host a screening of the show on Thursday, March 30.

Teljeur said none of this would be possible without the financial support of CIO and chief digital officer of I.T. World Canada, Jim Love. The two appreciate the support.

TSN learned about the hosts from their hockey documentary, *There's Something in the Water*.

It led to an opportunity to present the show to TSN. Teljeur has a connection to several TSN personalities such as James Duthie and Bob McKenzie because of Steve Dryden, a former Hockey News colleague of his.

Eleven of the 13 episodes have been shot. Teljeur said the remaining two episodes are scheduled to be shot in Canada, coinciding with the start of the golf season here.

There will be seven Canadian destinations and six American places showcased in the show. Among them include stops in P.E.I., Drumheller, Alta., Wolf



Highways to Fairways hosts Charlie Teljeur, far left, and Wayde Greer, far right, flank shooting instructor Quinton Davis, after shooting vintage rifles and revolvers in Lajitas, Texas, as part of a visit to desert-bound Black Jack's Crossing Golf Course on the Mexican border. Highways to Fairways has 13 new episodes scheduled to be broadcasted by TSN on channels one through five. The first episode The Other Motor City will air on TSN 1 at 9:30 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, March 30. A screening event will be hosted by McKecks Tap and Grill in Haliburton. Check the schedule for other times. The broadcast of the first Highways to Fairways shows were back in 2011. Submitted by Charlie Teljeur

Island, Ont., Kelowna, B.C., Texas, North Carolina and West Virginia.

A typical episode takes on average five days to shoot. Usually, the five-person crew will shoot an episode over five days. Two or three episodes were shot in the same period. Unlike the first *Highways to Fairways* when Greer and Teljeur were on the road for 58 days, the crew shoots two or three episodes in a couple of weeks and then returns home.

Teljeur says there are many strong Haliburton connections to the show: the hosts live here, Haliburton County Development Corporation invested with the original project, Jim Love's video production wing of I.T. World of Canada Digital Reno is based at the incubator, and the whole crew is based in Haliburton.

The sound engineer, who was originally from St. Catharines, was encouraged to move here last autumn because of the opportunity presented by the hosts.

"I love the Haliburton angle. I love the fact the people feel proud of it. We feel proud of it," he said.

He adds this TSN agreement makes original investors, HCDC, look good for believing in them from the beginning.

He hopes lots of people will want to see him and Greer do "goofy things."

The show isn't about fame or fortune. It's about sharing and showing the world one golf course and its host community at a time.

Teljeur appreciates how welcoming and generous people are with their time and opening up their communities to them.

Teljeur wants the show to be the motivator for others to get out and have their own experience.

"The main criteria of our show is we never want to go or do anything that our viewers couldn't do as well," he said.

"So we'll never visit a golf course that's private, we'll never go to a place that is inaccessible to people, or very selective. Our hope is when people watch this show, [they say] hey, you know what? Let's go down to Texas to do the course they did or whatever. We're just opening up a menu they get to eat."

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If you really believe in something as strongly as we do, you just keep pushing something until it closes the door on you or opens it for you.

— Charlie Teljeur
on continuing to believe in Highways to Fairways



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Museum makes March break educational

Above, Steve Hill, curator, offers some maple syrup at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Wednesday, March 15 during March break. The museum also provided children's Victorian games on Tuesday, March 14, horse/pony rides by South Algonquin Highlands on Wednesday, March 15 and St. Patrick's Day inspired activities on Friday, March 17. /DARREN LUM Staff

Right, Charlotte Sanderson, 6, plays Skittles – a bowling table-top game from at least early 20th century, using a spinning top instead of a ball – at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Wednesday, March 15 during March break. Charlotte was visiting her grandfather and spent the day at the museum, which also provided an opportunity to try fresh maple syrup, produced using sap from property maple trees.



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Student researchers bring findings to community

JENN WATT

Editor

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association is constantly growing – expanding into new markets and finding new ways to present local food to eager patrons. Research has been a part of their success; little is done without great care and thought.

About a year and a half ago, the association connected with U-Links Centre for Community Based Research and master's candidate Melissa Johnston to conduct a thorough evaluation of governance, consumer relationships and vendor relationships at farmers' markets across the province.

The association wanted to know what other groups were doing and what issues came up around such decisions as whether to allow produce from out of the region into the market or what kind of demand was necessary to expand to new locations.

"It will help us both to understand where we fit, how we are different, and our commonalities," says Angel Taylor, chair of the farmers' market board.

"It will provide ideas for how we might modify our work. We tried to focus on rural areas and areas that were somewhat challenged agriculturally."

When the final report is presented to the board, they will be evaluating whether Haliburton's markets should be making changes in their policies and practices.

Taylor says the work U-Links does to support organizations like the farmers' market is invaluable.

"I just think U-Links is a treasure," she says. Taylor is also involved with U-Links on another project examining garlic pests and searching for non-chemical deterrents. The work done on stem and bulb nematode and leek moths (which eat the greenery of the plant) has advanced understanding about how to better protect the crop.

Some of the research has been written up in periodicals such as the Garlic News.

"Growers were treated with respect, with dignity and in partnership with the scientists," Taylor says.

U-Links is a Minden-based organization that connects students from Trent University with Haliburton County groups that need their assistance. This event has been running for 27 years, starting with bioregionalism course and expanding to the Celebration of Research.

On Saturday, March 25, U-Links will be holding its annual Celebration of Research event at Fleming College in Haliburton, which allows the public to learn about the research being done in the local community. The student researchers along with the host organization will be available to talk about their projects and findings and there will be a guest speaker as well.

"It's open to the public to see what kinds of projects are in the works," says Sonja Addison, projects co-ordinator at U-Links.

This year, 15 local projects have been underway, digging up information on subjects as varied as the creation of a "pre-kinder" garden at Abbey Gardens for preschoolers to traffic calming using art.

Research is driven by the desires of the community hosts. For example, the Haliburton County Heat Bank wanted to know what they could do with donations of softwood, which isn't particularly good for burning.

The Heat Bank asked the students to do research into other ways to use these donations to create revenue and provide jobs, Addison says.

Saturday's event has benefits to the community and to the students; interested individuals can come to the college to find out more about what's happening in the community and the students gain the valuable experience of presenting their findings.

Melissa Johnston will be a familiar face to many. Besides being the researcher on the farmers' market project, she has worked at the farmers' market and Abbey Gardens in the past and will be working in the Highlands again this summer.

Johnston says working with U-Links was fulfilling.

"I wanted to do a project that was really applicable and tangibly useful for a community," she says.

Her work compared farmers' markets from across the province "to see how the type of community that the market is in impacts the way the market is run," she says. Rural versus urban markets have different challenges. For example, the length of the growing season.

"You want to have a long season. You do have to find a way to allow for some local importation ... which means bringing food, bringing produce, in from farther away than you might want to [and] finding a way to make that agreeable to the local producers."



Members of the public chat with a student researcher at a previous Celebration of Research. This year's event is March 25.



The great hall of the Fleming College Halliburton campus is the location of this year's Celebration of Research on Saturday.

In Peterborough, for example, the market agreed to bring in peaches from another location because they aren't grown locally.

Johnston isn't yet at the recommendation stage of her work, but she says by the end of her time with the farmers' market she will be presenting them some options to take into consideration.

This year's Celebration of Research is Saturday, March 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Haliburton campus of Fleming College. Guest speaker is Ken Doherty, director of the community services department of the City of

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ONE THING THEY don't tell high school students as they head into university is that many academic courses are designed to teach you to be an academic. University programs, for the most part, are there to cultivate critical thinking and teach proper research technique and paper-writing skills.

But many students yearn to do research that can be applied directly to society. They want to make a difference – isn't that what school is all about? – but find writing academic papers doesn't always make the connection to the community they were looking for.

Fortunately, not all students have this experience and some universities offer opportunities for young researchers to get their hands dirty working for groups that need them.

One program that has been making these connections locally for years is U-Links Centre for Community Based Research, which partners students and professors with community groups in Haliburton County. Students get experience putting their theoretical skills to practice and community groups get expensive research done for free. (Though hosts may donate part of the costs, if in a position to do so.)



*jenn
watt*

Editorial

Every year, these projects happen right here in Haliburton County, with important local research being conducted with oversight from Trent University. Both bachelor's and master's students participate.

On Saturday, 15 groups of students and representatives from their host organizations will be displaying their research at Fleming College in Haliburton.

Their research has practical implications for much of the public. Work has been done on calming traffic using art, finding solutions to garlic pests, creating new ways to use softwood donations to benefit the Heat Bank, and improving the local farmers' market among other things.

During the Celebration of Research (1 to 4 p.m.), you can wander around the displays in the Great Hall and chat with the students. If you represent a local organization looking for help with a project, the afternoon is an introduction to U-Links and a chance to meet staff from the organization.

The work being done by these organizations, students, faculty and staff actually has an impact on this county. If you're interested in where we're headed next as a community, the research day is a good place to find out.

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Ripples in the sky

by Darren Lum

Twenty years

TWENTY YEARS AGO, in 1997, I was co-organizing a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) conference for 16- to 18-year-olds with some fellow Rotarians and friends. The keynote speaker was talking about goal setting and having vision for your life. He was very engaging and at the end of his talk I announced to the group of young people that I had a goal to become a yoga teacher, and working with these keen young people was inspiring me to follow my own dreams.

A couple of months later, I was on my way to do my yoga teacher training. I remember that time in my life so well. I was still finding my way after the closure of the Bark Lake Leadership Centre and was exploring and contemplating how to compose my life in Haliburton.

I remember the day I walked into Andy Campbell's office (Haliburton County Development Corporation) and talked to him about the possibility of being self-employed as a yoga teacher and event planner (after being a provincial government employee at Bark Lake for 10 years). Andy listened to me, asked good questions and then was quick to encourage me to write my business plan and apply for a special program for people on unemployment and working towards being self-employed.

Andy and HCDC accepted my business plan and application and so I began the journey of creating my business and life. And here I am all these years later celebrating 20 years of teaching yoga and being self-employed.

I could never have imagined how my life would ebb and flow and twist and turn as I took the route of self-employment. I've had the good fortune of working with so many interesting people of all ages and backgrounds. I've learned so much about myself. I've had lots of challenging life circumstances come my way (as we all do) and each one has made me a little stronger and more dedicated to the practice of yoga. I've had so much support from so many people over the years.

I am so incredibly grateful to live and work in this county where there is constant inspiration to be creative and collaborative. It seems to me that anything is possible here. I am inspired every day by something or someone. Thank you. We all inspire each other.

This will be my last article for a few weeks. I am heading out on a big (really big) adventure to celebrate my 20 years of teaching and self-

employment. I am going to a small, quiet Mayan village (boat access only) in Guatemala. I will stay at a "hermitage" on a lake surrounded by volcanoes. I am doing a 21-day yoga retreat that will be mostly in silence with really good vegan food. It is a huge adventure for me and I'm a little nervous and a lot excited. I'm sure I'll come home full of stories about my retreat. And I'm sure I'll come home strong and ready for some more great years of yoga and self-employment.

Keep well, everyone, and think of me on the full pink moon on Tuesday, April 11. I'll be under the full Guatemalan moon thinking of you! Haliburton County is such a great place to live and work.

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*Lynda
Shadbolt*

green meadow

points of view

Never cry cat

I'M NOT EXACTLY A FAN OF VACUUMING but it needed to be done. You see, I walked into my home office this morning at 8 a.m., only to find it covered in shredded paper that had been pulled out of the clear bag that we had previously loaded it into. It looked like an origami turkey had been plucked.

"Oh my God," Jenn said. "You're vacuuming!"

Then she looked around.

"Hey, why did you dump the shredded paper all over the floor?"

"I didn't," I replied. "The cats did."

Jenn gave me a knowing look and said, "Sure they did, Steve."

In hindsight, I suppose she had good reason to doubt what I just said. After all, I have been blaming our cats for every troublesome event that happens in our house – anything from bad smells to the decimation of pies – ever since we got them.

In my defence, I'm not responsible for all the decimated pies around here.

In this case, the ringleader was Maggie, our female cat. Then again, it's always the one you'd least expect, isn't it?

Why did she do it? Who can honestly say?

All I can say for certain is that when I walked in my office, she was actually in the bag, wreaking havoc with the paper Jenn had shredded. And when I explained this to Jenn, she took Maggie's word over mine – even after I pointed out that Maggie had impaled a piece of shredded paper with her claw.

"Really, Steve?" Jenn said. And then she pointed to the two pieces in my beard.

"Do you actually think that I am deliberately framing the cats?" I

pleaded desperately. "Do you think that I wanted to scatter shredded paper all over the floor and vacuum just so I could blame cats?"

"Yes and yes," she said, as she snuggled with Maggie.

Maggie just looked at me and smiled.

Sadly, Jenn is one of those people who still is under the illusion that cats are our friends. As such, she does not accept my theory that, if we were just a little smaller, our cats would hunt us down mercilessly and play soccer with our severed heads.

As someone who is five-foot-three, I see the way they are sizing me up.

Call me paranoid, but I'm fairly certain our two cats are plotting to overthrow us. For one thing, they watch intently whenever we use the can opener. Heck, I just need to pick one up and they sprint into the kitchen from all corners of the house. And, I'm pretty sure once they finally figure out that technology as well as how to order canned premium cat food online, our days are numbered.

It's the same with the toilet. Whenever I go to the washroom, if I don't lock the door a cat barges in and watches – which is more than a little creepy. Clearly, they're trying to find a better option than the litter box.

And have you ever noticed how a cat will always try to chew on the headphones and power cords to your phone? I don't believe I'm being too paranoid when I suggest that all the best coups begin by cutting off communication to the outside world.

Even now, as I write this plea for help, Mumbles, our other cat, has decided to sleep on the keyboard over my hands.

Oh sure, he's purring, but deep down, I can see that he is probably trying to steal my Internet password so he can order 500 laboratory mice or perhaps a three-weight 10-foot fly rod that will be perfect for nymphing for trout in my favourite streams and rivers.

Of course, if either one arrives, I'll probably get the blame – no matter how many times I point to the cats.

But, honestly, do you think I'd go to all that trouble just to blame a cat?



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

Jack Hunter (deputy fire chief) and Tom Chambers (fire chief) stand beside one of Dysart's fire trucks. Chambers died in the Bank of Montreal fire in town on March 12, 1956. Photo submitted by Mike Iles

letters to the editor

Wynne kind to lower hydro rates for her mistakes

To the Editor,

Kathleen Wynne's government is lowering our hydro bills by extending their/our debt payments over a longer period and in the long run it is going to cost us and our children billions in extra interest payments. Maybe they, or our future Government, can get things restructured eventually so we will have lower hydro rates and still be able to pay off their debts from the stupid deals they have made over a period of time, but I really doubt they can correct the problems they have created. Billions of dollars payed out in cancelled contracts which obviously were not thought out in the first place before the contracts were signed.

Premier Wynne's statement a month ago, made almost in tears, that "she didn't realize hydro costs were such a burden on low income people" is total nonsense as far as I am concerned. She just finally came to the realization that people weren't going to sit by and quietly be ripped off by her government. The tears were just because she knew she had been caught like a kid with his/her hand in the cookie jar, our cookie jar!

The money well is only so deep and it is starting to run dry for a lot of people. People on social assistance programs are still being hit with huge

hydro bills causing them to have to depend on food banks more than ever which puts a strain on that system too. I know that running a provincial, federal or a municipal government can't be an easy task but anyone with half a brain can see the mistakes that have been made by Premier Wynne's government and it doesn't cost millions, or billions, of dollars to investigate what went wrong. We, the "cash cow" that the government depends on to pay for their mistakes, have had enough of giving our milk for free. If anyone, like myself, running their own business squandered away money or ripped people off like Wynne's government we would be out of business in very short order. I have seasonal customers getting huge bills for "delivery" even though the hydro has been shut off through the winter months. How can Hydro One justify a delivery charge for something that not being used so not being delivered just because the hydro line is still connected to the cottage?

Doug Bates
Gooderham

More letters to the Editor on page 8

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The wonderful world of sparrows

When asked to picture a sparrow, I think a lot of us, think of the common house sparrow. Though ubiquitous across southern Canada, this little sparrow is not actually native to North America. This introduced species hails from Europe and, like many immigrants, came to North America via New York in the 1850s. Over the next half century, the house sparrow spread west across the continent. But rather than focus on an avian interloper, I'd like to introduce you to the colourful world (OK, it's actually pretty brown) of Canadian sparrows, all in recognition of World Sparrow Day on March 20!

Northern Canada: Harris's sparrow

To start off our tour, we will meet the Harris's sparrow. This is Canada's only endemic breeding songbird, meaning that it breeds solely in Canada and nowhere else. Harris's sparrow spends its breeding season on the Canadian tundra. It's also the largest member of the sparrow and bunting family. Harris's sparrow made the State of North America's Birds Report watch list in 2016 due to its steeply declining population.

Key field marks: Black bib, black forehead and crown and pink bill.



Harris's Sparrow (Photo by NCC)

Western Canada: Golden-crowned sparrow

A Pacific specialty, the golden-crowned sparrow is the only bird in this article (including the house sparrow) that's not currently facing a population decline. Relative to the other profiled sparrows, not much is known about the breeding habits of these birds due to their remote nesting sites on the tundra and shrublands of British Columbia and Alaska. Instead, most birders will be familiar with this species on their wintering

grounds, such as British Columbia's southern coast.

Key field marks: Yellow central crown, black lateral crown stripes and grey bill.

Central Canada: Baird's sparrow

A species at risk in Canada, the range of the Baird's sparrow is restricted to the prairies, the world's most endangered ecosystem. Like many grassland birds, its populations have declined due to the conversion of prairies into agricultural land. The Baird's sparrow is a secretive bird and often only reveals itself to the patient birder with its high-pitched jingling song.

Key field marks: black "moustache" and buff breast/flanks heavily streaked with black.

Eastern Canada: Field sparrow

If you find yourself out in the countryside on a warm spring day and hear a trill that curiously sounds like a bouncing ball, you have found the field sparrow. According to the ICUN Red List of Threatened Species, these sparrow populations have declined dramatically in recent years. This trend is partly due to habitat destruction, as urban and suburban land replaces the fields that

this species rely upon. However, due to their large range and large baseline population, the field sparrow is not listed yet as a threatened species.

Key field marks: Unstreaked breast, rusty cap, pink bill and white eye ring.

Atlantic Canada: Nelson's sparrow

In 1995, the American Ornithologists' Union split the sharp-tailed sparrow into two species: saltmarsh sparrow, a more southern bird whose range lies south of Canada's Atlantic coast, and Nelson's sparrow. In Atlantic Canada, Nelson's sparrow can be found (though not easily, it's known to be secretive) in salt marsh habitat. Like many coastal birds, Nelson's sparrow is also on the State of North America's Birds watch list due to declining populations.

Key field marks: Orange breast with buffy streaks, grey auriculars (feathers that cover the ear) and a short and pointed tail.

To learn more about sparrows and other bird species across Canada, visit natureconservancy.ca.

By Claire Elliott,
Nature Conservancy of Canada

Wildlife in your backyard



Turkeys walk across a frozen marsh near Belinda Gallagher's house. Send your wildlife photos to jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

Ball Hockey Registration

Registration will be held on March 23 and April 6 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the A.J. LaRue Arena



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Bantam/Midget (Ages 13 to 18) 8:15-9:00 pm



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CSA approved hockey helmet with cage, running shoes, shin guards and hockey gloves are mandatory.

If you are unable to come to the registration, you can register in person or print and scan a form on-line.

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Thanks for helping HERS

To the Editor,

The generosity of Haliburton County never ceases to amaze me!

The International Women's Day YWCA HERS fundraiser hosted by Fleming College, March 8, raised \$15,600 (still coming in). The \$7,800 donated by our community was doubled by the incredible generosity of the Hays and other, anonymous, donors. This was unbelievable!

Like our counterparts across the world, 80 plus women, men, college students and children came together to honour the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women throughout history.

The theme in 2017 is #BE BOLD FOR CHANGE! It was a perfect evening to increase awareness about and rekindle interest and support for the YWCA HERS (Haliburton Rural SafeSpace), and the much needed supports they provide for women and children in our community. It also acknowledged the ongoing support of our community since the 1990s and the incredible women of vision who worked hard to achieve the goal of creating a women's shelter. Thank you, Zoe Chilco, Jude King,

Cindee St. Pierre, Heather Ross, Gena Robertson (SIRCH) and the HERS Committee that carried the dream forward to 2003 (too many people to name).

I would be remiss if I did not initially express my sincerest appreciation to the media, print and radio, for your ongoing support of this very important funding issue. Without all of you, the message would never have reached so many.

A huge "shout out" goes out to Fleming College staff and students, all of the individuals and businesses who provided poster printing, delicious food and a beautiful gift basket draw to thank our attendees.

Zoe Chilco, Sage Christiano and Cassidy Glecoff (sound by Mark Christiano), your contribution pulled the evening together with your uplifting music.

It takes a team to make an event successful and I would like to sincerely thank each volunteer and the YWCA staff and board for your efforts.

I feel so privileged to live in such a giving and compassionate community.

Bonnie Roe
Haliburton

CARP seeking members

To the Editor,

Did you know that you have a strong and active group advocating on behalf of all Canadians? With over 300,000 members and nearly 50 chapters across Canada, CARP plays an active role in the creation of policy and legislation that impacts older Canadians. Your local Haliburton Highlands CARP Chapter 54 is a part of what chapters of CARP can, and have, achieved through the support of our membership.

CARP is actively advocating, campaigning and lobbying government with campaigns such as Resident Safety in Long Term Care Homes; Heat or Eat? – The Ontario Hydro Dilemma which has resulted in action by the Ontario Liberal government; Feet to the Fire – Holding the Government Accountable for Promises Made; Caring for Caregivers – advocating for compensation and benefits to allow family members to continue care of loved ones in their own homes. Plus many more important issues such as retirement income protection, security investment protection, national pharmacare, health care transformation, demen-

tia care, end-of-life care, homecare and elder abuse.

There is strength in numbers and we need to continue to grow our membership to keep our voice strong in reaching all government levels.

You can show your support of our efforts by joining us on April 30 when your local Chapter 54 will hold its AGM at the Haliburton Legion at 12 noon. Tickets are \$15 per person and includes a buffet lunch, guest speakers and door prizes. Tickets are available at Canoe FM, West Guilford Shopping Centre and Organic Times in Minden, or call Bob at 705-457-3919 to reserve your ticket at the door.

We are also actively seeking volunteers interested in helping your local Haliburton Highlands Chapter. Please consider joining us. Email us at haliburtonhighlands@carp.ca or call Bob at 705-457-3919 for more information about how you can play an active part in this very important organization.

Elaine Schmid
Haliburton

Haliburton has first off-grid demonstration centre

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The new home of Haliburton Solar and Wind is sustainably built, solar powered and off-grid; the first of its kind, says the company's owner Brian Nash.

The building showcases off-grid technologies on the Abbey Gardens property a few kilometres from West Guilford on Highway 118.

"I'm just driven by passion. I'm a real big believer in ... getting involved in organizations that lessen dependencies and increase our communities' abilities to be independent. I'm a big passionate believer in that," he said.

Solar and Wind is a locally owned service company, enabling homeowners to go off-grid and use hybrid grid tied systems, harnessing solar, wind and water power.

The staff of Haliburton Solar and Wind moved into the new building, built by Fleming College sustainable building design and construction students, in late-November. The building is currently being powered by solar energy and radiant in-floor heating. It was constructed using a blend of contemporary, straw-bale construction and rammed earth method. All material used in the construction was sourced locally. The power generated for the building is stored in a battery bank that holds up to four days of power when there isn't any solar energy to harness. If the stored energy is exhausted, the building can use its propane-powered prime generator.

Having his personal off-grid residence for close to 10 years has taught Nash valuable lessons. His business started from the desire to help others go off grid. Being able to stand behind his services as a business person is one thing, but to be able to do it as a homeowner lends credibility to his company. He started the company in 2012 and it has steadily grown. In partnership with Outback Power Technologies, Solar and Wind won the Solar Projects in North America award in 2015. This year the business has already doubled its work from 2016 with 43 off-grid and net-metered projects.

The claim his home office building is the only demonstration centre of its kind is derived from speaking with companies such as Outback Power and Home Energy Solutions.

"When we say [the office is] Canada's first and only complete off-grid demonstration centre, we are not aware nor is anyone we know of [aware of] anything else," he said.

Both of these companies are among the largest in the field related to off-grid system implementation, Nash said.

The office will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. On weekends, it will be open by appointment.

The centre will include a soon-to-be built half-acre outdoor alternative energy park. Think of it as a self-guided interpretive walk explaining the photovoltaic effect, solar irradiation, wind power, off-grid independence, Ontario's Smart Grid and independent community grids. The plan is to have a red stone path, dotted along the perimeter with solar powered lights for evening visits, solar panel array and in the centre of the circular path will be an 80-foot-tall wind turbine, which will also power the office building. The plan is to have it completed some time in May and will be open to the public all the time, except when it is impassable with snow. The centre will host its grand opening with an event on Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (See future editions of the



Abbey Gardens director of operations Heather Reid, left, said she welcomes the opportunity associated with the new Haliburton Solar and Wind off grid demonstration centre, who are represented by founder Brian Nash, administrator Michelle Moraal and technician David Bailie. Nash said the demonstration centre located at the Abbey Gardens property beside the brewery is the first and only one in Canada and will soon include a half-acre outdoor alternative energy park. It gives the public an opportunity to see alternative energy equipment in use and in person. There will be a grand opening event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 10. —DARREN LUM Staff

Echo for details.) There will also be other events, featuring Nash, his staff, and special guest speakers and interesting opportunities for alternative energy education.

The idea to have the centre at the Abbey Gardens came from Fleming College's Ted Brandon.

Back in late-2015, Brandon wanted a partner for a sustainable building project to give his college's sustainable building design and construction students a project. He contacted Abbey Gardens about their involvement and then Nash, who thought of the idea for an off-grid demonstration centre. The solar and wind owner didn't know this was going to be the country's first, but part of his motivation came from the feedback from past customers.

"If we put together a centre that was able to have people come in, see, understand, touch and feel and see a location off-grid, operating off-grid to get a sense of the size of equipment," he said. "We thought if we put together something where people could come and experience it [it would help]. Off-grid is very experiential."

Prior to this demonstration centre, Nash would often invite people to his home to see his system.

When it comes to ideal locations, this location doesn't get any better, Nash said.

The site has a 98 per cent "solar access," clear and open for the wind tunnel, necessary for the wind turbine, expected later this year.

Another consideration was to find a location that would be accessible by the people who share the values consistent with his customers — who favour off-grid systems and renewable energy. This is where the partnership between Abbey Gardens and Solar and Wind is ideal. The people who are interested in Solar and Wind's services are those who are making a conscious decision to be environmentally responsible. Sometimes it is a challenge for them to get connected to the provincial power grid based on their home's location, or they want to be able to control their finances when it comes to energy consumption.

Abbey Gardens director of operations Heather Reid said having Solar and Wind on the property is in line with the Abbey Gardens' education focus. Visitors will often have questions about the gardens' sustainably-built food hub building, also created by Fleming College students. With this demonstration facility nearby, visi-

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I'm a real big believer in ... getting involved in organizations that lessen dependencies and increase our communities' abilities to be independent.

— Brian Nash

there have been preliminary discussions and planning around a retreat centre, using the house at the back of the property. It could serve as a cancer care retreat centre. This would be separate from the gardens. A not-for-profit will be created and have a partnership with the Ottawa Integrated Cancer Care Centre and the College of Naturopathic Medicine in Toronto.

Reid said being able to direct people to the demonstration centre to see everything in operation is an important component for visitors. She said it's a ground-breaking effort that wouldn't have happened without Solar and Wind.

"To see when the snow melts, I think it's going to be a real exciting addition to the property and propels us forward and creates interest for people to come farther on the property and spend more time here. That's great for everybody," she said.

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A colourful corner in the hospital

Gift shop finds niche, selling special items to fund local health care

JENN WATT

Editor

A splash of colour and a friendly face greet visitors as they walk through the sliding doors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. They might be visiting a loved one in acute care, waiting to see a doctor in the emergency department or stopping by to bring Grandma a card at Highland Wood.

For all of those people, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's gift shop is a convenient place to stop and browse. Since 2000, the volunteers who work there have been cultivating the store to make it fresh, affordable and comfortable. Prices are generally below usual retailers and there is no tax. All the profits go right back into health care.

"It's not money that we keep aside. It's not our mandate to roll money over," says Tracey Lear, past president of the auxiliary.

The shop brought in \$6,000 last year, which went toward such projects as the compassionate care suite for long-term care and refurbishing the washroom in the emergency department.

Jane Jaycock is the convenor of the gift shop. She's been working at it along with other volunteers for the last four years.

Jaycock is responsible for choosing the merchandise for the shop and takes the job seriously. The wall behind her at the counter is covered in a rainbow of scarves. The shelves throughout the shop hold simple gifts that you can imagine a

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My goal ... is getting the word out that we're here.

— Jane Jaycock

loved one opening with a smile — McIntosh mugs, funky purses, local art and even a few clothing items are amongst the selection. There are greeting cards — some made locally — as well as the necessary collection of books and munchies.

Jaycock goes to the Toronto Gift Show each year to seek out new inventory. She makes sure to ask each supplier whether they already sell to other Haliburton clients so that the gift shop isn't competing with local business. She also has other challenges when buying at shows.

"So many suppliers want you to buy 12 hats [for example]. I know I can sell one in the Haliburton, maybe two," Jaycock says.

Despite the challenges, the shop is always filled with special items. They've recently added Interac and credit cards as methods of payment.

"My goal ... is getting the word out that we're here," says Jaycock.

The gift shop is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. staffed by volunteers. They also take the shop on the road for Midnight Madness, Colourfest and to the farmers' market.



Belinda Manze, left, checks out a ladybug bag (which she ended up buying) at the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary gift shop as volunteer Jane Jaycock helps her out. Run by the auxiliary, the shop generates about \$6,000 for the hospital and long-term care facility each year. JENN WATT Staff

Travel mugs reflect the spirit of the Highlands at the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's gift shop. The shop is open Monday to Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is staffed by volunteers. JENN WATT Staff



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Haliburton teen has no regrets after Jr. Iditarod

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Epic races like the Jr. Iditarod are filled with excitement, amazement and situations that demand difficult choices.

Haliburton's Logan McCready-DeBruin knows first-hand, after competing in the 150-mile, long-distance, two-day race for boys and girls aged 14 to 17 years old across the Alaska wilderness.

Although he didn't officially finish, that didn't rob him of the satisfaction of crossing the finish line on Sunday, Feb. 26.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior said his team was running well after 60 miles when his dog, K2, had a seizure close to the halfway point of the race between Eagle Song and the layover stop of Yentna Station, Alaska. He went to his dog and then put him in the sled bag. By the time he secured him, the rest of his team wanted to rest. While waiting, Logan began to worry and pushed his distress button for help, knowing he was at least 10 miles from checkpoints in either direction and uncertain which checkpoint would have the closest veterinarian.

"The rules of the race state if you push the distress button for any reason you are automatically disqualified, so from that point on no matter what happened I was not going to officially finish the race," Logan wrote in an email. "The trail crew came out to see what was wrong and said turning around was going to get us to a vet fastest so that is what we did."

The veterinarian didn't discover what caused K2's seizure. The dog has not had any problems since the race.

The initial plan was to fly the dog team with Logan out of Eagle Song the next morning. But heavy fog, which could persist for a day there, prevented the plane from landing. "While the host family at Eagle Song were very kind and welcoming, waiting there didn't sound like much fun for a day or more so I decided to hook up the team and run to the finish line. [I'm] glad we did, as we had a fun run that day and ended up covering all but about 20 miles of the race. K2 did not join us that day. He got snowmobilized out with the veterinarian in a special trailer for dogs made to be pulled by the snow machine. K2 arrived at the finish line about 30 minutes before the rest of the team and I did. While we didn't officially finish the race, it felt like we did crossing under the finish line," he said.

It was his first attempt and last year of eligibility for the race with a field of 13 youth competitors.

Despite Logan's disqualification, he has no regrets and, if he had to do it all again, he would do it the same way.

"A mushers' first priority is always to their dogs, and while I would have loved to officially finish the race, K2 or any of the dogs on my team are more important than any finish line," he said. "For a while that night I camped I was wondering if I over-reacted, if I could have just put K2 in my sled bag and continued on to the halfway point."

"But hindsight is [20/20] and I had no way of knowing K2 would be fine an hour later. If it were to happen in another race I would make the same decision again rather than put the health of one of my dogs at risk."

Once he knew K2 was fine and his dogs had been fed and were asleep, he called his parents close to 1 a.m.

His father assured him "there are lots



Harvey Van Patten, left, and Logan McCready-DeBruin show off their frosty facial hair after getting back from a training run together on the Yukon River in Dawson City. Logan was a competitor in the two-day 150 mile Jr. Iditarod held for boys and girls aged 14 to 17 from Feb. 25 to 26. The Haliburton teen said he was just the second Canadian to ever compete. Submitted by Tanya McCready-DeBruin

of other races, Logan, but only one K2."

"He was right," Logan said.

Being the son of veteran musher Hank DeBruin, Logan is used to being the spectator. His dad not so much. His mother Tanya, and uncle Ward teased Hank about the role-reversal.

They "were teasing me about how hard it is to sit, watch trackers and worry. They weren't wrong! I had a hard time leaving the computer where I could watch his and the team's progress," Hank said.

"That night when they slowed down, stopped and then eventually started heading back to the checkpoint were some of the longest in my life. It is easy to be out on the trail and deal with things as they happen as you are dealing with them. Sitting, worrying, watching and thinking of what could be happening out there and helpless to do anything was a tough thing to sit through," he wrote in an email.

Hank credited his son with sound judgement.

"We are incredibly proud of him for all the training and work he did to get to the start line, for putting K2 first and for taking the team to the finish line the next day even though he wouldn't be recognized officially for doing so," he said.

Tanya is often supporting her husband in races such as the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod, meeting Hank at checkpoints and following along with Ward. However, even with that experience and the knowledge that help was always nearby for her eldest son, it was still difficult, particularly when the tracker showed a lack of forward progress.

"It was not as bad as when Hank is racing on the whole as we knew the mushers were very well supported by snowmobile crews and volunteers and were never more than 15 to 20 miles from assistance, but when we saw Logan's tracker slow down, stop, and then start heading backwards, it was a very long, worrisome couple of hours," she wrote in an email. "About two hours in we were contacted by the race [officials] and let us know that he had pushed his distress button, but it was another hour before we knew why. Like Hank, I know Logan is very capable in the wilderness to look after himself and

his dogs, but many things go through your head as you wait and worry," she said.

For all the disappointment, Logan will always remember the pride he felt as a Canadian.

Logan was awed when he saw his country's flag at the start/finish line, knowing he was only the second Cana-

dian team to have raced in the event since it started in 1978.

"Being out on the Iditarod trail with my dogs was a dream come true. My favourite memory was the night I spent camping with them though, all of us curled up in straw sleeping under the Alaskan night sky," he wrote.

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How to maintain car value over the long-term

When shopping for a new car, savvy buyers know finding the right car involves more than just finding the most comfortable or flashy vehicle. Numerous factors, including resale value, determine what makes a car the right car for a particular buyer.

Various websites and automotive resources rank vehicles based on their potential resale value, and drivers can do much to ensure their cars and trucks maintain that resale value over the long-term.

- Pay attention to the exterior. Much like homes with strong curb appeal can help homeowners get the best price for their homes when those homes are on the market, vehicles that look good can make strong first impressions on prospective buyers. Address any dings or dents on the car before putting it on the market, and make sure the car gets a thorough washing and waxing prior to showcasing it for potential buyers.
- Upon purchasing new vehicles, drivers with their minds on maintaining resale values can park their cars or trucks in garages as often as possible to protect them from the elements. In addition, when parking in public, avoid tight parking spaces that can increase the likelihood that other drivers will ding or dent the vehicle when entering or exiting their own cars.

- Protect the interior. A well-maintained interior will impress buyers on multiple levels. Preowned car buyers may feel more comfortable buying cars with well-maintained interiors that still make them feel as if they're buying a new vehicle. Vehicles with well-maintained interiors also give buyers the impression that sellers care about the vehicle and prioritized maintenance.
- Avoid eating in the car, and immediately address any spills or stains. When taking the vehicle to a car wash, spend the extra money to have the interior cleaned as well. Seat covers can help protect cloth and leather interiors from spills, stains and cracking.
- Keep maintenance receipts. Another way to maintain resale value is to keep all maintenance receipts from the moment the vehicle is purchased. Preowned vehicle buyers are making substantial investments when buying pre-owned cars, and many will want to be certain they're investing in the right cars and trucks. Documentation with regards to the vehicle's maintenance can assuage any fears buyers may have and help sellers get the most money possible when putting their cars on the market.

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Tire maintenance a key component of spring check-up

When warm weather arrives, many people enjoy a collective sigh of relief. Just as people welcome the end of the cold, snow and ice, cars and trucks also can benefit from more moderate temperatures.

Salt, grime and potholes can take a toll on tires over the course of a typical winter. Drivers will not get far this spring and summer without tires in good repair, which is why tire maintenance should be part of any seasonal repair checklist.

Inflation levels

Now is the time to use a tire pressure gauge to see if tires are at the ideal inflation levels. Many tires indicate the recommended PSI (pounds per square inch) on their sidewalls. Cold temperatures may cause tires to deflate a little. Esurance states that winter weather can cause tire pressure reduction at about one PSI for every 10 degrees the temperature drops. Driving on improperly inflated tires can be dangerous, potentially affecting handling and braking distances.

Check tires when they are cold for the most accurate reading. Properly inflated tires also will improve fuel economy, so drivers may even save a little money by inflating their tires.

Tire rotation/realignment

Examine the tires for tread wear. Any uneven or abnormal tread wear could indicate that the tires need to be rotated and the wheels realigned at the very least. Take the vehicle to a qualified mechanic to get their opinion on how to remedy the situation. Mechanics may recommend rotating tires every 6,000 to 8,000 miles,

or about every six months for the average driver.

Wheel realignment may be necessary after a season of driving over potholes and other irregularities in the road. Misaligned wheels can cause handling problems, like the car "pulling" to one side.

Tire replacement

Drivers may discover extreme tread wear, bulges or even cracks in the sidewall during a tire inspection. These signs indicate that it's time to replace the tires. Failing to replace old, worn down tires can increase the risk of automobile accidents.

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Doing away with distracted driving

The evidence is clear: Distracted driving can be just as dangerous as driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Removing one's eyes from the road for mere seconds can have dangerous repercussions, contributing to accidents, injury or even death.

According to the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, "a driver talking on his cellphone is four times more likely to be in a crash and a texting driver 23 times more likely." A 2013 Allstate Canada marketing survey conducted with more than 1,500 Canadian adults found that, although the vast majority of Canadians think distracted driving is dangerous, nearly three out of four Canadian drivers engage in behavior that is considered distracting.

The term "distracted driving" is an umbrella term that refers to various behaviours drivers engage in when behind the wheel. The situations below are some of the biggest distractions today's drivers must deal with.

Talking or texting on a mobile phone

Mobile phone usage is one of the leading causes of distracted driving. Five seconds is the average time a person's eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 88km/hr, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded. And people are not only texting when behind the wheel. They're posting to social media, taking photos and video, as well as reading emails and more. The National Occupant Protection Use Survey points out that, at any given daylight moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cellphones or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010.

Passenger distractions

People, pets and objects inside of a vehicle can be quite a distraction as well. Removing focus from the road for a few seconds to address rowdy children in the back seat or to pass food to the backseat can cause vehicles to veer. Drivers who allow pets to ride unrestrained in their cars may



find their animals in their laps or roaming around, which can be distracting as well. Drivers should remain in control of their passengers at all times. This includes ensuring people and pets are properly fastened in seatbelts and the volume of music and voices is kept to a minimum.

Reading behind the wheel

Looking at a map, glancing at an incoming email or even trying to locate street signs or billboards on the side of the

road can be distracting. When drivers are unsure of where to go, they can bring along another passenger, who can keep his or her eyes peeled for landmarks. Passengers also can look at the map or GPS so drivers can stay focused on the road.

It is paramount that drivers keep their eyes on the road at all times. Limiting distractions, however innocuous they may seem, can keep drivers, their passengers and their fellow motorists safe.

Strategies to improve teen driver safety

Learning to drive and receiving a driver's licence makes for some exciting times for young drivers. Those first moments of freedom on the road open up many new possibilities for teenagers accustomed to relying on their parents to get them around town.

Although being a new driver is exciting, it also carries with

it very real risk. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in Canada according to MADD Canada. Lack of experience behind the wheel is one factor behind high crash rates among teens, but other factors also may be in play. The pre-frontal cortex, which contains the neural mechanisms of self-control, is one of the last parts of the brain to mature. As a result, teenagers are prone to taking risks, behaving impulsively and seeking sensation. These traits can be dangerous behind the wheel of a car.

Preventing teenage driving accidents requires some measure of dedication, awareness and education.

- Improve driving skills. A driver's licence does not mean drivers have learned all there is to know about driving. In fact, newly licensed drivers still have a lot to learn. Experience only comes with time and practice, and every day presents teen drivers with a new opportunity to expand their skills.
- Watch the speed limit. Speeding makes it more difficult to control a vehicle. Obey the speed limit, and recognize speed limits are suggestions during ideal driving conditions. When driving in inclement weather, reduce speed, even if that means driving below the speed limit.
- Reduce distractions. When driving, reduce distractions

inside of the car. This includes eating or talking on the phone while driving. It also means fiddling with the radio or checking social media. Texting while driving creates conditions similar to drinking or using drugs while behind the wheel.

- Avoid peer passengers. Teens should avoid having other teens or younger children as passengers in their first year as licensed drivers. Other kids can be an added source of distraction inside of the vehicle and may goad drivers into behaviours they would otherwise avoid. Wait until you gain more experience behind the wheel before you start to hone your chauffeur skills.
- Stick to daytime driving. Driving at night can make it much more difficult for drivers to see their surroundings and recognize potential hazards. Within the first few months of earning their licenses, teenagers should drive only during the daytime and log plenty of practice hours driving at night accompanied by an adult until they feel more confident.

Teen drivers are at a higher risk of accidents than more experienced motorists. But certain strategies can help reduce that risk.

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How to drive more efficiently

Many people aspire to drive more efficiently in an attempt to conserve fuel, save money and reduce the carbon footprints of their vehicles. But driving efficiently can also make driving safer for motorists, their passengers and everyone else, including pedestrians, sharing the roads.

Drivers who want to drive more efficiently can implement a variety of strategies to do just that.

- Obey the speed limits. Speed limits are determined with safety in mind, and drivers should always adhere to posted speed limits to protect themselves, their passengers and others on the road. According to Transport Canada, "27 per cent of fatalities and 19 per cent of serious injuries involve speeding." Natural Resources Canada notes that speeding uses more fuel. "Most cars, vans, SUVs and pick-up trucks operate most efficiently when travelling between 50 and 80 km/hr."
- Do not idle a vehicle. The Environmental Defence Fund notes that electronic engines do not need to warm up, even in winter when temperatures are especially cold. Vehicles that are idling can produce as much pollution as vehicles that are in motion, and idling

for as little as 10 seconds wastes more gas than restarting the engine. Drivers concerned about overtaxing their engines shortly after starting them can warm their engines by easing into their drives and avoiding excessive revving.

- Use cruise control wisely. Drivers concerned about fuel economy may be accustomed to turning on their vehicle's cruise control when driving long distances on the highway. While that is an effective and fuel-efficient way to maintain steady speeds, turn cruise control off when traversing roads with steep hills. On such roads, fuel efficiency can be lost because the vehicle engine is working harder to maintain steady speeds.
- Tighten the gas cap. When gas caps are loose, fuel evaporates. The Car Care Council notes that loose, missing or damaged gas caps contribute to the evaporation of roughly 556 million litres of gas per year. That's both wasteful and costly. When filling up at the gas station, turn the cap until you hear it click.

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4 reasons for a check engine light

Vehicles rely on many components working harmoniously to function at optimal capacity. Any number of systems can go wrong, and oftentimes the first indication that something has gone awry is an illuminated dashboard signal.

One such signal is the "check engine" light. Many drivers have little idea what to do when this indicator lights up, and this light can cause some anxiety. According to Consumer Reports, a check engine light turning on does not usually require immediate action. However, it does mean that you should make an appointment to have the vehicle inspected for potential problems.

Check engine lights are part of a car's onboard diagnostics. The light turning on may indicate something minor, such as a loose fuel cap, or something more serious like a

misfiring engine. When the light turns on, drivers wondering why may want to see if the answer is related to one of the following issues.

1. Loose gas cap: Fuel vapors can leak out and air can get in when the fuel cap isn't secured correctly. This can compromise the fuel system and make the check engine light come on. Take off the cap and then reseal it to see if that alleviates the problem. Cracked caps will need to be replaced.

2. Dirty oxygen sensor: A faulty or clogged sensor may not provide the right information about unburned oxygen from the vehicle's exhaust. This sensor monitors how much fuel is burned. Compromised data can cause a decrease in fuel efficiency. Some do-it-yourselfers can replace an oxygen sensor on their own, but those who can't should have the issue addressed immediately by a professional.

3. Too much speed or load: Towing a trailer or another

heavy item may put strain on the vehicle and cause the light to come on because of loss of power. Lightening the load and reducing speed can help fix the problem. Always consult with the owner's manual to determine the towing capacity of your vehicle.

4. Short or faulty code: Computers aren't always fool-proof, and sometimes an electrical short or another similar problem can cause a light to come on. Bring the vehicle to an automotive supply store. Such stores typically have diagnostics tools that can be hooked into the car's computer and provide a more detailed understanding of what is triggering the check engine indicator.

In many cases, a steady check engine light is not a serious concern. However, when such a light comes on, drivers should try to find out why as soon as possible.

Wet weather driving tips

Driving in the rain can be more hazardous than driving in the snow, particularly because drivers fail to realize the dangers wet roads can impose.

Drivers often think rain is no big deal, but while it's not necessary to avoid driving when the raindrops begin to fall, exercising caution when the roads are wet can decrease the risk of being in an auto accident.

- Slow down. Wet roadways cause tires to lose traction, as friction is reduced between the rubber and the asphalt. It's possible to lose up to one-third of traction in the rain. To compensate, slow down to reduce sliding and stopping distances.
- Improve visibility. Turn on windshield wipers and lights when it is raining. This makes it easier to see the road and makes your vehicle more visible to other motorists.
- Leave more distance between cars. In addition to improving your reaction time, giving others more space can improve visibility by reducing the amount of mist or splashing caused by other vehicles.
- Stick to daytime driving. If possible, when it is raining, drive only during the day. Glare from wet roadways and headlights at night can further compromise poor visibility.
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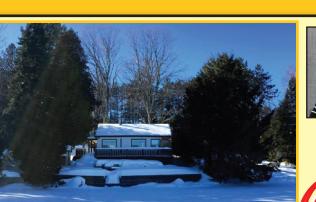
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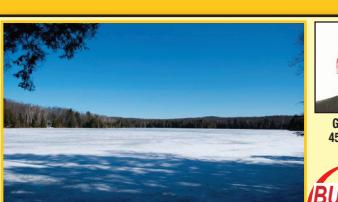
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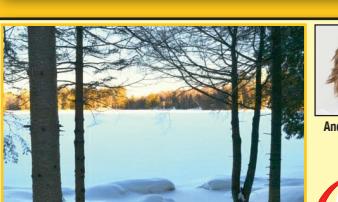
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Warden wants a health care solution by county

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin told attendees at the Warden's Breakfast on Tuesday, March 7 that the county should take the lead in finding

health-care solutions.

Devolin's audience was comprised of chamber members and county staff last Tuesday morning at the Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon.

He asked them to be part of the process to find a local resolution for health care, referring to it as the "elephant in the room."

"I don't think that serves us very well and I think we need to start a discussion for a made-in-Haliburton County solution. Does it mean we're not going to do some things the way we exactly do them right now? You betcha, but it is necessary and this is important," he said.

The pressures are real. From 2013 to 2016, Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services reported 19.5 per cent increase in calls for service. This rate of increase is likely to continue, he said, because of the aging population in the county. He said this discussion will need to include everyone because the way health care is delivered now is not sustainable.

Devolin also welcomes discussion about the ongoing deliberation on extending the warden's tenure beyond one year and the consideration for a deputy.

As the county deliberates on the 2017 budget, he announced there will be increased investments in infrastructure such as roads, EMS and libraries.

He also told the audience about the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

With a representation of a million people under the direction of mayors and wardens in eastern Ontario, these small communities "punch way above our weight" for short and long terms initiatives.

As a group, the caucus has the power to garner attention from provincial and federal politicians.

Among the advantages of the caucus: advancements for our area in terms of connectivity, power and addressing issues such as reducing costs, specifically related to the rising cost of the OPP.

There is a possibility that in the next five years there will be a natural gas pipeline in the county.

"You could look forward to that. Again, if we weren't part of a larger body like the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus there's no way this would ever happen. I'm not saying it is a 50/50 proposition or anything I'm just saying I'm significantly optimistic and we'll keep you posted as we go along," he said. "That will be a huge win for the future development of our county."

According to Statistics Canada, Devolin said, the county is growing at a greater rate than the province, particularly along the Hwy. 35 corridor. There are good and bad aspects related to this



Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin told the audience at the annual Warden's Breakfast about the benefits of being part of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

DARREN LUM Staff

growth. Good in that there will be more money here and a greater potential for year-round employment in the county. However more people means greater pressures on municipal services. Some of them will be converting seasonal residences for year-round use. This growth, however, will not alter the way MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) assesses properties, which is related to how the county and the municipalities receive funding. The "lion's share" of the funding comes from that assessment so more people doesn't mean more funding. There will be a gap, Devolin said. It means greater burdens on the municipalities and likely increase to land-based taxes.

He said the tax rates for the county are among the best in rural Ontario and this will be considered in making decisions. However costs will rise.

"The days of two and three per cent tax increases you're not going to see for a decade. I'm not saying I think they're going to jump to 10 per cent, but do I think you're going to see a lot of four, five, or six, or seven for the next decade. I would expect that to be the norm unless some funding policies, or whatever, significantly change from what we see today and what we perceive to be coming for the not too distant future," he said.

Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, April 10th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-001/17
Applicant: 1587269 Ontario Inc.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 13, Concession 8 & 9, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
2. File No. H-002/17
Applicant: Eric Grant Brohm
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 13 & 14, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Easement
3. File No. H-003/17
Applicant: Ronald & Petra Hamann
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 18, 19 & 20, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
4. File No. H-004/17
Applicant: Ronald & Petra Hamann
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 18, 19 & 20, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21st day of March, 2017.

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Between Bannon and Brohm

Recreation director debate in council

Dysart et al council will be deciding on June 13 whether or not the municipality will hire a recreation director, but a heated debate on Monday, between the two senior members of the council, could mean that the decision will not be an easy one.

Deputy Reeve, Harold Bannon started the debate by asking what the council is planning on doing about a recreation director. He suggested that a resolution be "passed" around

the table to see what is going to happen.

He said that either the council will "go for it or not go for it but there is no use hanging on to this all summer long".

Councillor, Roy Brohm, said that he cannot see hiring a recreation director when the recreation committee is in the hole already.

He admitted that he was not in favour of hiring a director.

\$13,000 DEFICIT

Councillor Brohm said that there is a \$13,000 deficit already at the arena, which he claims is due to mismanagement. He noted that there is "no promotion" at the arena.

He suggested that perhaps an arena manager is needed rather than a recreation director.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said that perhaps the \$13,000 figure was not correct because the

auditors were not finished with the municipalities books, but Deputy Reeve Bannon agreed with the figure.

Deputy Reeve Bannon suggested that perhaps the council should try a recreation director for a year and if the person wasn't working out, he could be let go.

Councillor Brohm said that the municipality has tried a recreation director on two occasions and noted that he fired

both of them. Deputy Reeve Bannon said he was in on the firing of one director.

Deputy Reeve Bannon told the council that the hiring of a recreation director should be handled by the recreation committee.

Reeve Fearrey asked if the recreation committee could pay a recreation director's salary.

Deputy Reeve Bannon admitted that it could not.

FURTHER STUDY

Reeve Fearrey, Councillor McKnight, Councillor Brohm and Councillor Jack Denholm agreed with a letter from the Haliburton Minor Hockey Association that a committee should be formed to see if there is a need for a recreation director.

Reeve Fearrey suggested that the municipality find out the economics of having a recreation

director rather than "making a snap decision".

Councillor Gary McKnight said he doesn't know what to do to make the arena a paying proposition but a recreation director hired in the summer certainly won't help.

Deputy Reeve Bannon said, "By the next meeting of council I will put a motion on the floor" about a recreation director. He said that this will allow one more month of investigation.

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Senior units scheduled to be constructed next spring

A tentative schedule for the construction of senior citizen housing units, in Haliburton village, has been set at spring of 1978 but that could be moved up.

Sid Palmer, a representative of the Ministry of Housing, was at Monday's meeting to discuss senior citizen housing and geared to income housing.

Dysart et al Reeve, Murray Fearrey, asked Mr. Palmer when the project could get started.

Mr. Palmer said that the closing of the site has been delayed until the Ministry of Environment finishes doing tests on the quality of the water.

The site is on Mountain Street, behind the Anglican Church.

Mr. Palmer said that the schedule as of this time calls for the land acquisition in

June, modified tender call in October and a construction start in the spring of next year.

Deputy Reeve, Harold Bannon, said that he thought the construction would be done this year.

Mr. Palmer replied that if the dates can be moved up, they will be.

He said that there is a preliminary design for the building and told the council that all 34 units planned may not fit on the site.

The 34 units were decided on by a need study conducted in the municipality this year.

A study conducted two years ago showed a need for 21 units.

Council passed two resolutions Monday, one to accept the updated needs study and the other to agree to pay 7.5 percent of the operational subsidy costs.

The subsidy on the operational costs of the units are paid 50 percent by the federal government, 42.5 percent by the provincial government, with the municipality picking up the rest.

The tenants in the building will pay 25 percent of their income towards rent.

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Councillor, Jack Denholm, expressed some concern that all 34 units would not be included on the site and asked Mr. Palmer if the units that were not included would be put on another site.

Mr. Palmer admitted that from a practical point of view it would not make

sense because of management problems.

Reeve Fearrey told Mr. Palmer that there is a "tremendous need" in the community. He said that the municipality has people coming forward every day inquiring about senior citizen housing.

Arbitrators wait for new assessment figures

An arbitration of county clerks and treasurers held last Tuesday, May 3, resolved in an unexpected that the appeal for a re-adjustment of the 1977 Board of Education levy will go no further until

new assessment figures are released by the Regional Assessment Office.

The figures are to be released in the near future by the Ministry of Revenue, the clerks were assured.

In this third appeal to re-apportion assessments, the arbitration of clerks and treasurers was expected to end as it has twice before with the refusal of the majority of clerks to consider negotiating the apportionment. The matter goes to the Ontario Municipal Board if the clerks don't agree unanimously on apportionment.

Stanhope clerk Gerald Bain, representing one of the appealing townships, noted that the 6-4 decision to wait for further arbitration until the most recent assessment figures indicated that some of the clerks were acknowledging the inequalities in present assessments and apportionments.

Monmouth and Bcroft clerks Sharon Hunter and Sandra McColl this year added their two votes to total six in favor of further arbitration.

Dysart et al clerk Wayne Woode, who was one of the four who voted against the resolution, noted that the arbitrators may try to arrive at some settlement, but "as far as we're concerned, there was no new information provided."

He suggested that the arbitration will be "an



With just enough clearance, four-year old Brian Waller hoists the Haliburton Legion Pipe Band Drum to help his father Fred Waller play for the Scottish Country Dancers, Monday evening at the Legion Hall. Brian played faithfully while the dancers practised for the Festival of Fun to be held May 19 at the secondary school. The evening is a talent festival

sponsored by the Scouts, an organization that may be able to take Brian in before the banks puts him on full time. The Festival will raise money to send Minden and Haliburton Scouts to P.E.I. for the Canadian Scouting Jamboree and includes choirs, gymnastics, bands and dramatic performances, as well as the Scottish dancing.

Glee Club production a smashing success

by Susan McLaughlin

The opening night cast of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Glee Club's production of *Ruddigore* took Gilbert and Sullivan's less than successful musical that was heavily censured when it first appeared over 90 years ago, and turned it into a smashing success on the Haliburton stage.

As explained by the play's talented director, Bill Gildon, *Ruddigore* or The Witch's Curse was not well received by its first British audience for a number of reasons, chiefly, one suspects, because the audience was not willing to laugh at itself.

The script and score of the musical turn a bright comic light into, from the mouths of young ladies who ignorantly follow a book of etiquette to the English that is so kind as to spare French slang that they prefer not to engage. Written after Gilbert and Sullivan's highly successful *Madame Butterfly*, *Ruddigore* also pokes fun at the style of musical itself.

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The bad Baron's crew is described as mad because they sing choruses in public, and a song in the second act asserts that the rapid, unintelligible patter that stands as a trademark of Gilbert and Sullivan scores, isn't usually heard so nothing really matters in the end anyway.

In the face of all this light-hearted chitter and lively music that follows the antics of Rose Maybud's attempts to find a suitable police husband, and two brothers' attempts to overcome the witch's curse that has been cast upon their baronetcy, the original British audience apparently receded in horror. The curse demands that a cross be done each day for the baronet, perhaps Gilbert and Sullivan's score, isn't usually heard so nothing really matters in the end anyway.

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or the cast and the quality of the script, they more than succeeded.

In the hands of Richard Stouffer cast in the lead role of Sir Ruthven on opening

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Dysart wants to limit group homes

Dysart et al will attempt to limit the number of group homes in the area by instituting a system of licensing for such establishments.

After meeting with Mrs. Gervais, a Toronto woman who, along with her husband, intends to bring their family of 10, issues children and three children to Dysart, the municipal council passed two resolutions, one to inquire about the possibility of setting up a licensing system and the other that the Gervais application be held in

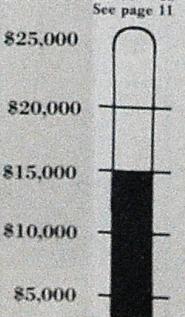
abeyance until a number of things can be decided.

In a letter to the council, Mrs. Gervais said, "We have made an offer to purchase Dell Haven Guest Home."

She said that there seems to be some controversy as to whether they can operate as a group home. "We could you not subdivide the wood group home for family?" she suggested.

Mrs. Gervais pointed out in the letter that if the children were all her family the council could not refuse

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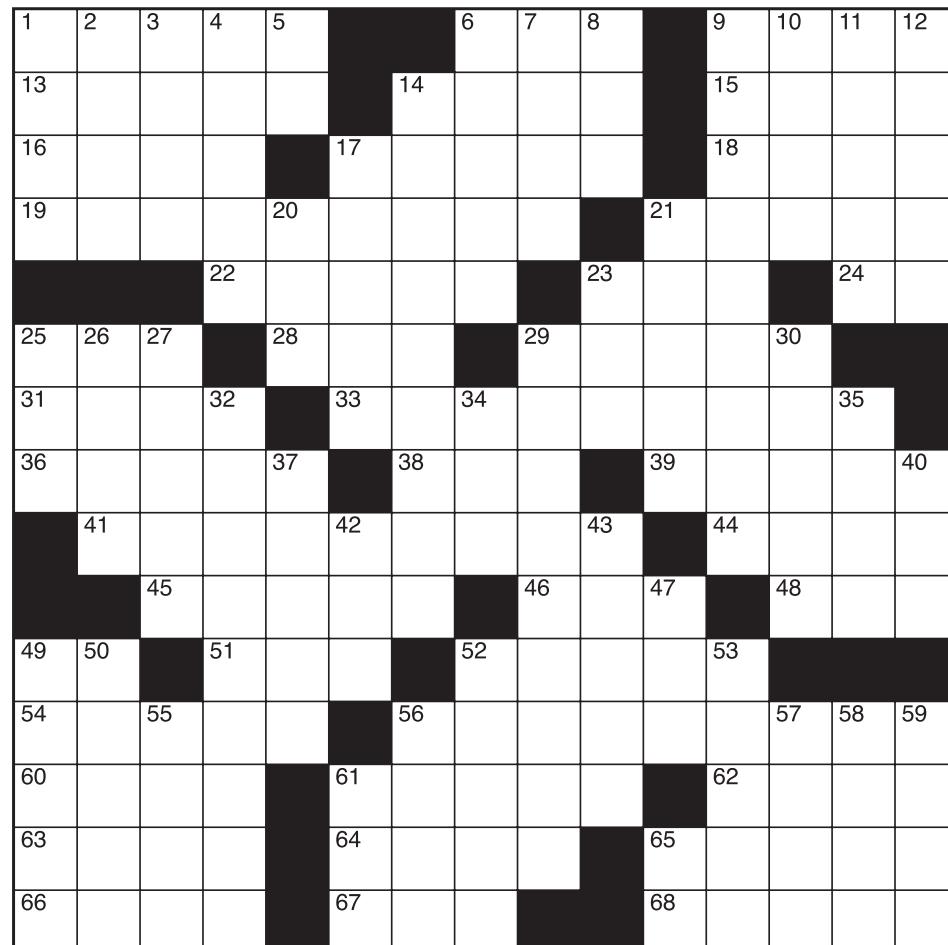
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Haliburton team wins Lassie spiel

The 41st annual Highland Lassie Bonspiel held on Saturday, March 4 was another successful event held at the Haliburton Curling Club. This year, seven out of town teams from Ilderton, Port Perry (three teams), Bradford, York Curling Club, and St. George's donned

their traditional Scottish ware and were greeted by local teams from the Haliburton club. The committee comprised of Sue Mason, Wendy Hewson, Jan Ashall, Mary Hillaby, April Martin, Alison Curtis, Laila Capel, Laraine Forgrave, Linda Boore, and Melanie Blodgett organized a fan-



CLUES ACROSS

- Pea stems
- Type of music
- Leader
- Distant
- 5,280 feet
- Beloved Yankee great
- A female domestic
- Free from alcoholism
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Entertains with song
- Wooden shoe
- Female horses
- Group of males
- Sodium
- Revolutions per minute
- Neither
- Woody climbing plant
- Dismounted
- Orbits the earth
- Female parents
- Separates acids
- Origins
- Stuffing and mounting animal skins
- Rupture
- Fathers
- Large primate
- Shape-memory alloy
- Halfback
- “Family Guy” daughter
- Irish mountain chain
- Paired
- Drinks
- Death notice
- Skirts
- Fertility god
- Where a curve intersects itself
- Red Sea port
- Mozambique seaport
- Leaver
- The human foot
- Crash

CLUES DOWN

- Excessively theatrical actors

- Wings
- French river
- Internet device
- Where Tony Bennett left his heart
- Flowering shrub that bears gooseberries
- Brews
- For each
- Dictatorships
- Slavic person in Saxony
- Nobel laureate Shmuel
- Lasso
- Tones down
- Lunar period
- Leavened Indian bread
- Military elite
- One thousandth of an inch
- L.A. footballer
- Land plan
- A satellite of Saturn
- “Cat Ballou” actor
- Obscure aspect of Sun God and a group of asteroids
- Indicates the fare
- and feather
- Round Dutch cheese
- Begat
- Relaxing place
- Hit’an of Alaska
- Belgian city
- Organ of hearing and balance
- Isolated Southeast Asian people
- “Power Rangers” villain
- Yellow-fever mosquitos
- Heavy cavalry sword
- Laundry detergent
- A way to wait
- Mother and wife of Uranus
- Justly obtain
- Stony waste matter
- Helps you find places
- Oil company

Answers on page 26.



The winning team: Kim Lewis, Sheila Campbell, Cindy Campbell and Candy Robinson.

tastic and eventful day. To celebrate the tournament and to add that special tradition of curling, the curlers were piped onto the ice by Fraser Macdonald.

The overall 2017 Highland Lassie winner was a team from Haliburton skipped by Kim Lewis. Her team included Sheila Campbell, vice, Cindy Campbell, second and Candy Robinson as lead. Another team from Haliburton skipped by Mary Hillaby, Ginny Carmichael, Laraine Forgrave and Gabrielle Holmes scored first place honours in their draw. Sheila Elston’s team including members from Haliburton’s club, Lynn Childs, Jane Johnston and Amanda Manary finished second along with Chris Acton from Port Perry. Settling in third place was a Hal-

iburton team skipped by Wanda Ruddy Stephen, Alexis David, Jane Jaycock and Cathy Meades. Deb Gahwiler and her team from York Curling Club also placed third with one member, Lesley Milford from Haliburton.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Mitch Stephen (T.M.S. Services) and Amanda Manary (Arbonne Consultant). A shout out to the Pinestone Resort for their generous donation of two – twosomes of golf with a cart.

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Many thanks. See you again next year.

Submitted by Mary Hillaby

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Bantam girls secure spot in provincials

With great team work, lots of sweat and determination the girls wrapped up their play-down games and finished first overall in their division. On Tuesday, March 7, the Jets were in Ennismore to face the Eagles and skated away with a 3-0 win. Scoring for the Jets were Beth Brownlee, with a hard shot that deflected over the Eagles' goalie's shoulder, followed by Kennedy Croskery who scored on a penalty shot. Croskery took the puck wide and put it through the five hole. Adding the final goal of the game was Paige Billings, who skated the puck in and found the

net with a top corner shot. All goals were unassisted. Courtney Semach had an amazing game and earned her fourth consecutive shutout, shutting down Ennismore in all of their attempts to score. On Wednesday, March 8, the team travelled to Apsley to play the Cold Creek Comets. Both teams played hard and persevered throughout the game and had numerous chances and shots at both ends. Despite both teams' efforts in a well fought game, the result was a tie 0-0. Once again, Semach was solid and shut out the Com-

ets for her fifth game in a row. Way to go, Courtney! With a spot earned in provincials, the girls will continue to focus and work hard trying to make the LLFHL championships. They will face their opponents, the Cold Creek Comets, in a series beginning Wednesday in Brighton at 7 p.m., followed by a home game Saturday, at 6 p.m., at the NHCC. If needed, the team will travel again to Brighton on Sunday for 6 p.m. Keep your sticks on the ice, girls, and aim high!

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

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The Haliburton Lions Club Hoedown Dinner & Dance

When: Saturday, March 25, 2017, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
(Dinner at 6:00 pm)
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
Cost: \$25.00 per person (all ticket sales are final)
Music by Gord Kidd & Friends, Cash Bar, 50/50 draw, silent auction, door prizes and much more. Enjoy delicious roast beef on a bun with salad, baked beans, dessert, tea/coffee
Tickets at Halco Electronics and Minden Haliburton Hearing Services or call Lion Linda at 705-457-2064

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic

When: Monday, March 27th
1:30-6:30pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

100 WOMEN WHO CARE SPRING MEETING

When: Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 to 8:00pm
Where: The Dominion Hotel Dining Room, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden
We are 100 WOMEN WHO CARE -we meet for 1 hour, 3 times a year. We raise money for local charities in our county. At our first meeting we raised over \$3000 for Food for Kids. If you are a woman who cares - come to our meeting and see how we do it. IT'S AWESOME!

H.H.O.A. Wild Game Dinner/Silent Auction

When: Saturday April 1/17
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain Street
Cocktails at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm
Tickets \$35.00 per person or \$55.00 per couple
Contact the HHOA Fish Hatchery at 705-457-9664 to reserve your tickets now

Environment Haliburton - Public Presentation

When: Saturday April 1, 2017 at 1 pm
Where: West Guilford Community Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Road, West Guilford
Guest Speaker: Dr. Tony Weis, Professor of Geography at Western University and author of The Ecological Hoofprint: The Global Burden of Industrial Livestock
Your Diet, the Industrial Meat Industry and the Climate Crisis
For more information contact: Terry Moore, tmoore7031@gmail.com, 705-306-9254

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days: Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Who goes "hoo" in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Our leader will be Pauline Plooard. Admission by donation.
Location: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd. Carnarvon at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
Cost: Admission by donation

Doc(k) Day

When: Saturday, April 8
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Those Other Movies presents the sixth annual Doc(k) Day documentary film festival. Starts at 10 a.m. with Dysart 150: The Movie, followed by Obit, Cameraperson, What Lies Below and In Pursuit of Peace. For more information contact Lisa Kerr kerrfamily@cottagecountry.net.
Cost: \$30 for the day (email Lisa Kerr). Individual tickets, if available, are \$10 at the door.

Razzamataz Kids Shows

When: Sunday April 9, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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Embracing the reptile side

Jeff Hathaway of Scales Nature Park speaks to a sold out audience about reptiles at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days Reptile Road Show on Saturday, March 18 at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery in Haliburton. Sponsored by the TD Friends of the Environment, the event featured an educational presentation about snakes and turtles and an opportunity for people to touch and hold snakes.

A woman and child check out a snake at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days Reptile Road Show on Saturday, March 18 at the fish hatchery in Haliburton. The next land trust event is Owl Prowl at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. See www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca for more details. / DARREN LUM Staff



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Wilberforce Loop Troupe on spring hiatus

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

Hope all those that were free to take part in special activities during the March school break enjoyed the change of pace. For school staff and students, welcome back for the final term.

As I write, glorious warm sunshine is melting and evaporating both the white stuff and the dirty roadside ridges. Yeah! Spring is at least officially here.

And the sun is playing its part in the maple syrup business. As it does every year the sap is rising up through

the trunks to the limbs and twigs of the maples and all trees to nourish the buds to become leaves and keep the trees growing. And they don't seem to mind sharing some of that sap so we can collect it and boil it down to delicious maple syrup in this brief period each year.

Our local little theatre group the Loop Troupe will not be presenting a play this spring.

For most years since the early 1990s people in this area have enjoyed a performance at least once a year usually late winter or spring and occasionally in the fall. The Troupe has done one, two, and even three act comedies and mysteries. One year the show was two pantomimes with a dessert break, which raised funds for the new library. Some shows have involved many young people. Also enjoyed were programs of three short plays. All seemed well received.

The Troupe will be back in the fall.

In the meantime membership in the Loop Troupe is always open for new members and rejoining by former members. It welcomes new members willing to help in a

variety of ways: reading plays, suggesting plays, directing, stage managing, acting, set design, makeup, sound and lighting, or just being a supporter. Annual membership fee is only \$5.

Choosing plays that can be cast and that will be entertaining for local audiences can be challenging. Knowing who is available for varying parts by having them as members would be good for our amateur theatre. Join the Troupe now. Let Troupe people know if you have a new neighbour or friend who is interested.

With lots of seniors in this area, many managing on their own, assistance is often needed and appreciated.

An information session about the need for hospice care and training was presented at the LWMC last week. More to come on this program.

This week some from this area will be joining the Aging Well in Haliburton County committee. Ideas for things that can be done by individuals, groups and elected bodies to make this a better place for all to live are welcome.

Full moon offers bright night for yoga at Abbey Gardens

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Abbey Gardens Full Moon Series hosted the third in the series on March 12 with Brahm of Yoga North. The sold out event was indoors and had as its theme Sound Bath Symphony. The Owl Prowl of April 1 concludes that series and advises outdoor dress AND hiking shoes. Spaces are limited. Call 754-4769 for more details.

Congratulations to the Rev. Max Ward on his being selected Highlander of the year. His Maple Lake United Church congregations joins his family and many co-workers in cheering him on on this well deserved award.

Numbers have increased significantly at the Tuesday night Euchre games.

At Guilford, APPLE is more than something to eat. Spelled with a capital A, it means Abbey (Gar-

dens) Pony – Powered Learning Experience. In brief, it means personal growth with development through riding the guided ponies. This program provides nine months of experimental equine assisted learning and therapy. Thanks to MPP Laurie Scott's grant of \$26,500 through Ontario Trillium Foundation, the program is off to a good start. The unique La Lacroix breed is ideal for those who need this assistance. Phone 854-4769 for more information.

Congratulations to Iris Miscio on becoming a grandmother! Parents of the baby girl are Michelle and Evan Miscio, and the name is Alessandra Ruth. Great Grandmother Colleen Morrison is as delighted as the rest with this happy event. Colleen is at present undergoing rehabilitation from a stroke in Ross Memorial Hospital.

A more investigative reporter is needed for this column. Four police cruisers went by last Friday evening but I have no details as to where or why. If someone would care to take on this job, call 457-1037 and make an offer.

Euchre Scores for the week of March 6:

High: Ed Muenzel and Liz Jesseman
Low: Neil Moore and Kay Morrison
Most Line Hands: Ron Bain and Ray Campbell

Euchre Scores for the week of March 13:
High: Cliff Davison and Sandy McDowell
Low: Neil Moore and Barb Stead
Most Lone Hands: Henk vanNood and Liz Jesseman

Notice

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(Applicant – MARSHALL)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF GLAMOR LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 33, Concession 12, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD., dated October 24th, 2016.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. To 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 21st day of March, 2017.

IRENE S. COOK, CMO
CLERK/CEMC
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0

Health unit launches substance abuse survey

Wanted: your ideas and input to help tackle and reduce the harm associated with drug and alcohol use in the area.

For the next eight weeks – through May 15 – area residents are being asked to complete a short online survey looking at substance use in Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County. The survey – available at www.hkprdrugstrategy.ca – asks people their input on harms associated with drug and alcohol use in the community, and what the priorities should be to help address those issues.

The survey is the first step in the development of a new regional drug strategy for the three-county area. The local drug strategy will focus on four main areas: drug use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and justice/enforcement. Nearly 50 organizations are involved in the drug strategy, including police services, fire departments, EMS personnel, Health Unit staff, PARN, treatment services, pharmacists, Family Health Teams, youth and social service agencies, mental health groups, and other non-profit groups.

"The regional drug strategy is like a blueprint to reduce harms associated with alcohol, drugs and the misuse of prescription medications," says Charles Shamess, the new drug strategy co-ordinator for the area. "Public input is crucial to create an effective, coordinated drug strategy for our region that leads to a safer, healthier community for everyone."

Regional drug strategies are common across Ontario,

and tailored to each community based on public input, Shamess adds. While asking for new ideas, the local drug strategy will also build on existing initiatives to address some of the harms associated with substance use, including the Naloxone Distribution and the Needle Exchange programs. Locally, the regional drug strategy for Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland is being funded through a \$285,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Haliburton County residents are encouraged to take part in the online survey, says Marg Cox, executive director of the Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. "With the rising level of poverty, mental health needs, stigma and lack of transportation in our area, there are significant obstacles for our community members to effectively access services that may be required," Cox says. "By completing this survey, residents will help us better understand the needs and potential challenges for improving access to harm reduction and addiction services."

Local medical officer of health, Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, echoes the point. "We value the feedback of our residents and community partners," Noseworthy says. "Public input is essential to create an effective drug strategy that ensures a coordinated effort and consistent approach to address substance use issues in the area."

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By: Patricia Stevens (Higgins)

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Time: 11:00 AM
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Survived by her husband of 61 years, Bruce Moffatt; her son Bruce Jeffrey Moffatt (Sandra, Connor, Christopher); her daughter Carol Ann Moffatt (Tony Aymong); her brother John Moore; and predeceased by her son Andrew James (Andy) in 1979.

Betty was born and raised in Toronto but her heart found the Haliburton Highlands at the age of five when, in 1939, her father bought a lot on Beech Lake. That purchase sparked the beginning of what's now four generations of memories made of shenanigans, laughter, family, dear friends and a spectacular sunset view across the lake. The one-room cabin expanded over the years and when Betty and Bruce decided to 'retire to the cottage', Tony built them a beautiful lakeside home where life was grand and even more wonderful memories were created.

Betty was a stay-at-home mum for many years but when she went back to work she found her way from secretarial and bookkeeping work to corporate leadership where, when she retired, she was the Corporate Secretary as well as the Vice President of Legal Affairs for MDS Health Group.

For many years she was the only woman at the boardroom table and throughout those years she acquired tremendous business savvy as well as impressive corporate knowledge and skills. Betty was the ultimate 'super mom' who could not only bring home the bacon but also fry it up with finesse while wearing a fabulous business suit and heels while planning a pool party in her head. How she did it all we'll never understand.

In Haliburton, Betty's retirement volunteerism included lengthy and dedicated service on the boards of HHHS, Canoe FM and the Stanhope Museum where her corporate knowledge and broad experience provided valuable foundational advice and ongoing guidance. Throughout these years she influenced and impacted many people in ways still being discovered.

Betty and Bruce discovered old neighbourhood friends in the Highlands and, together with lifelong friends from the city and new-found friends in Haliburton, they forged a fun-filled retirement with golfing, curling, snowmobiling, extensive travel and throwing terrific parties. And there was always that sunset view ...

Betty was good, kind and honest - and more than a wee bit fierce. She was strong and smart and wise, and so very proud of her family. They just don't make 'em like her anymore.

She had an indomitable spirit which never flagged, even when faced with serious life experiences and health crises.

She was truly a lady; she will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Details

Cremation has taken place and there is no funeral service. Betty (and Bruce) wanted to be interred back in Toronto with their son, Andy, and that will take place at a later date.

Celebration of Life: Saturday April 1, 2017

Betty loved a party so in her honour, a celebration of her life is being held on Saturday April 1, 2017 at Pinestone Resort from 1pm to 4 pm. Please join us for some cheer and camaraderie. Feel free to bring and share a story of Betty and what she meant to you or your organization.

In lieu of flowers or donations please do something kind for someone.



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In Loving Memory of
Laurel Lorraine Tompkins (nee Sovereign)



*Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home,
 Minden, on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. At the age of 96.*

Beloved wife of the late Lewis. Dear mother of Carole and Bill Peeling, Dean Tompkins(deceased), Larry and Lisa Tompkins. Loving granny of Rob, Mike and Shelly, Colin, Cindy and Rob, Jeremy, Jenna (deceased) and granny T2 to Elladie, Briar, Noah, Jadyn and Josh. Fondly remembered and sadly missed by her extended family.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Laurel's Life at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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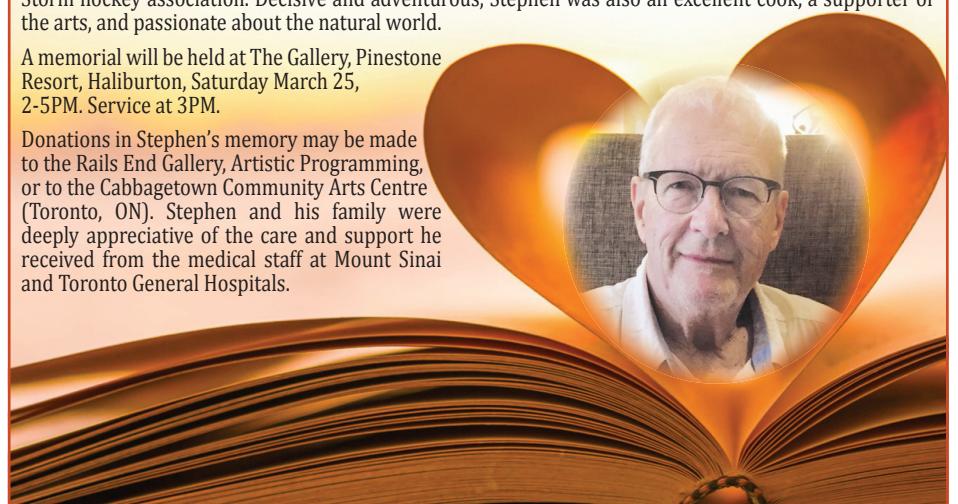
Peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on March 13, 2017, in his 72nd year, at home in Toronto. Loving husband of Holly Hutchison, father of Sarah (Devin Fan) and Joseph, brother of Julian (Sophie Thomas). Stephen was greatly loved by his grandchildren Napoleon, Ronin, and Juliette; by his nieces and nephews Monika (Dajuan), Elias, Seth, Asa, Helen, Kai, and Ezra; by his former wife Mary Kay Ross; and by his cousins Orde and Anne Morton.

A writer, journalist, and producer (TV), educated at Westdale SS, Ridley College, Westminster School (London, UK) and U of T, Stephen's creativity and flair for astute political commentary informed his work at the BBC, CBC, and TVO. Later in his career, Stephen was the owner of Patrick Books and the managing editor for community newspapers in Haliburton County.

Stephen was a wonderful conversationalist, interested in everything and everyone. His commitments to his own and to other communities were numerous, from his trips to Haiti, to his support of the Highland Storm hockey association. Decisive and adventurous, Stephen was also an excellent cook, a supporter of the arts, and passionate about the natural world.

A memorial will be held at The Gallery, Pinestone Resort, Haliburton, Saturday March 25, 2-5PM. Service at 3PM.

Donations in Stephen's memory may be made to the Rails End Gallery, Artistic Programming, or to the Cabbagetown Community Arts Centre (Toronto, ON). Stephen and his family were deeply appreciative of the care and support he received from the medical staff at Mount Sinai and Toronto General Hospitals.



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